

6 July 2023



Tēnā koe 

Thank you for your request to the Department of Conservation, received on 11 June 2023, in which you asked for:

'How much does the Department of Conservation spend on maintaining the Abel Tasman National Park annually?

Could I please have this itemised by year for the last 10 years if possible, and inclusive of all costs incurred by the park, including paying for staff, track and road maintenance, campsite maintenance and monitoring, transport, pest management, outreach & education, land costs, rent, etc. I would like this to include only departmental spending. Essentially if you were to treat the park as a single line-item on the government books, how much would it cost?

If exact numbers aren't available, an approximation or estimate would also be acceptable.

Also, does the department maintain any figures on the estimated economic benefits of the National Park, or is this a question better directed towards the Ministry of Tourism?'

We have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982.

Your questions and our responses are listed below:

1. *How much does the Department of Conservation spend on maintaining the Abel Tasman National Park annually?*

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The maintenance costs for the Abel National Park for the Department of Conservation (only), as a line item for each year is detailed in the table below. We have provided information for the last 7 years, as beyond that period, the information we hold is incomplete due to a previous accounting system used at that time.

2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
1,449,256.94	1,496,878.22	1,493,914.62	1,544,174.33	1,683,555.83	1,452,119.39	1,334,861.82

**All maintenance costs including depreciation and excluding Capital expenditure.*

- 2. Also, does the department maintain any figures on the estimated economic benefits of the National Park, or is this a question better directed towards the Ministry of Tourism?'*

The Department of Conservation does not hold this information. This information may be able to be obtained from Nelson Regional Development Agency

Please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) may be published on the Department's website.

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